



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of) Examiner: Thuan D. Dang
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RONALD E. NICHOLS et al.) Group Art Unit 1764
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Serial No.: 09/925,401) Entitled:
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Filed: August 9, 2001) LOW ENERGY METHOD OF
) PYROLYSIS OF HYDROCARBON
Atty Docket No.: 287122-00004) MATERIALS SUCH AS RUBBER

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 19, 2003 in connection with the above-captioned application. A three-month extension of time request is enclosed, bringing the time for response to November 19, 2003. The Office Action has been carefully reviewed, and the following response offered in an attempt to advance the case to allowance. Reconsideration and early allowance of all pending claims in light of the following amendments and remarks is courteously requested. Please amend the captioned application as follows: